Thailand, Uganda, Sudan, Canary Island, Yemen Arab Republic, Benin (Dehomy), Afghanistan, Greece, Ethiopia, Algeria, Yemen PD Republic, Syria, Yemen Republic, Cyprus, Liberia, Somalia, Bahamas, Fiji Island, Tunisia, Paraguay, Netherlands, Barbados, Mauritania and Polivia.

(b) The new Import-Export Policy for 1988—91 is reported to have been generally well received.

Felling of trees for paper/newsprint Production

146. SHRI KANHU CHARAN LENKA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) how many trees have to be felled for making one tonne of paper/newsprint in our country; and

(b) whether there is any proposal to save our forest wealth without disturbing the manufacture of paper within the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) It has been estimated that about 2.65 tonnes of air-dry forest raw material is required to produce one tonne of paper/newsprint in the country.

(b) Yes, Sir. The Central Government have given fiscal incentives in indirect taxes through concessional rates of excise duty on specified varieties of paper manufactured out of agricultural wastes and non-conventional raw-materials. The Government have also exempted wood pulp from import duty.

Appointment of heads of Nationalised Banks

147. SHRI KANHU CHARAN LENKA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of heads of nationalised banks whose term has ended or is likely to end this year;

(b) what is the procedure for appointing Chairman|Managing Directors and Directors of nationalised banks; and

(c) what are the names of institutions|individuals authorised to make recommendations for Government's consideration in these cases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) There are two Chief Executives of nationalised banks whose regular term of office has ended but who are continuing in office pending decision about their reappointment|appointment of their successor. In one bank the Chief Executive has recently retired and his successor is yet to be appointed. Terms of office of Chief Executives of six more nationalised banks are due to end before the end of the year.

(b) and (c) The Chairman and Managing Directors and other Directors on the Boards of the nationalised banks are appointed in accordance with the procedure and criteria laid down in the Nationalised Banks (Management and Miscellaneous Provisions) Schemes, 1970 and 1980. The aforesaid Schemes provide *inter alia* consultation with Reserve Bank of India in the matter of appointment of the Directors. Requests|representations|recommendations for appointment of Directors are received from various individuals|associations including professional bodies.

Recruitment of field Supervisors in Mithila Kshetriya Gramin Bank

148. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 2416 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 1st December, 1987 regarding promotion to the post of Field Supervisors in the Mithila Kshetriya Gramin Bank and state:

(a) whether NABARD had directed the Mithila Kshetriya Gramin Bank and its sponsoring bank, namely, Central